

in the Harrisonville community affairs in the 28 years he lived there.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bill Stevick distinguished himself as a soldier for his country, a dedicated community leader and a wonderful family man. He was indeed a role model for all young people who were graced by his presence. I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Lois; his three sons Jim, Ron, and Craig; his daughter Jacque; his four stepdaughters, Joy, Meyra, Cheri, and Fran; 19 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE E.  
LINDSAY

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 2, 2002*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. George E. Lindsay, who helped generations of Californians to appreciate the splendor and the mystery of their natural world.

Dr. Lindsay died this summer at 85 years old.

Dr. Lindsay held many titles throughout his long and notable career. He was a highly decorated World War II veteran, a botanist and biologist. He was an expert on the natural life of Baja, California, on succulent plants and on dolphins and whales of the Pacific Ocean.

More formally, he was the director of San Diego Museum of Natural History, and, from 1963 to 1982, the executive director of the California Academy of Sciences.

But I think the title he would most appreciate would be one that does not appear on his resume. First and foremost, George Lindsay was a teacher.

His method of instruction was indirect, but far-reaching. The goal of his lessons was to impart not only knowledge, but respect for our natural heritage and a commitment to conservation and stewardship.

Under his watch, the Academy of Sciences, which is located in San Francisco's beautiful Golden Gate Park, grew into one of the largest natural history museums in the world, known for its enthralling and informative exhibits.

Among his many projects was the renowned fish roundabout, which since 1977 has fascinated and amazed visiting children by bringing them as close as humanly possible to the strange and wonderful world of the ocean.

As head of the Academy, he oversaw the creation of the dramatic entranceway, in which visitors are greeted by a massive dinosaur skeleton. And with his wife, Geraldine, he launched a docent program that offered members of the community in-depth lessons in natural history which they then passed on to others as museum guides.

Perhaps Dr. Lindsay's greatest lesson was taught to Charles Lindbergh, the famed flyer who joined him and other naturalists on a scientific expedition to the Islands of the Sea of Corté in 1973.

Lindbergh was already a committed naturalist by that time, and he was overwhelmed by the beauty and fragility of the islands Lindsay showed him.

Lindbergh then used his immense fame and popularity to spread the word and develop-

ment of awareness of the need to protect the islands of the Sea of Corté and the Pacific Islands of Mexico and California.

Four years after Lindbergh's death, a decree was issued protecting all of the islands of the Gulf of California.

Dr. Lindsay has credited Lindbergh's intervention for that move, which saved the immense natural beauty of the Sea of Corté from destruction and development.

And certainly some credit is due. But a great teacher stands behind every great student. On that trip, more than 30 years ago, George Lindsay did for Charles Lindbergh what he has done for millions of visitors to the magical city of San Francisco. He opened a student's eyes to the world around us.

RECOGNIZING THE BERGEN COUNTY  
FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION  
ASSOCIATION

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 2, 2002*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a very special and distinguished service organization in my own Fifth District, the Bergen County Fire Prevention and Protection Association.

The BCFPPA is comprised of fire protection and prevention professionals from all of the townships, boroughs, and cities in Bergen County. BCFPPA serves northern New Jersey both by promoting and improving methods of fire prevention and by educating the public as to fire prevention and safety. Since 1966, the BCFPPA has worked to bring these messages to the public, elected officials, schools, and youth of northern New Jersey.

At the same time BCFPPA has worked to educate the public, it has served as a resource and clearinghouse for professional information critical to all fire safety professionals, as well as public officials and the New Jersey State Fire Commission. Indeed, it is no understatement to say that the work that BCFPPA has done in advancing both the science and public awareness of fire safety and fire prevention has saved countless lives, and prevented immeasurable loss to the destruction of property.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when our Nation most needs its heroes, the members of the BCFPPA are the day-to-day sort of heroes that we all should honor. The selfless good work of BCFPPA's members is an outstanding example of the values that make Bergen County, our State, and our Nation such a wonderful place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Bergen County Fire Prevention and Protection Association for their years of valuable contribution to the community, and expressing my sincere best wishes for their continued success and good work.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP POLITICAL  
SPEECH PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2001*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2357, which would change the tax code to allow religious non-profit organizations to engage in political activity, use tax-exempt contributions for political purposes, and enable religious leaders to endorse candidates from their pulpit.

This legislation is a serious mistake and would be a grave violation of the constitutional separation between church and state.

The real purpose of the bill appears to be helping special interest groups circumvent campaign finance laws by channeling fundraising, contribution, and endorsement activity through religious organizations. We all know that charitable, tax-deductible donations are easier to raise than political contributions. And religious non-profits are the only institutions that do not have to publicly file annual IRS tax reports.

If this ill-conceived bill became law, congregants may have to begin checking the political leanings of their rabbi or preacher before joining congregations. Is that what we want? Do we want annual membership dues ending up in campaign coffers? Are we so greedy for campaign cash that we're willing to violate sacred houses of worship and threaten the integrity of religion?

I'm, not ready for that. Under existing law, religious leaders already have tremendous latitude in their ability to discuss political issues. Religious institutions can even set up affiliate organizations to raise non-deductible funds for political activity, that rightfully must be reported to the IRS and publicly disclosed. That is why the National Council of Churches has called this bill "unnecessary, unwise and unwanted."

I urge my colleagues to reject H.R. 2357. It would only promote abuse of campaign finance laws, abuse of the tax code, and abuse of our nation's founding principle of religious freedom.

HONORING JOSEPH EDWARD  
GALLO'S FAMILY

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 2, 2002*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Edward Gallo and his family for their major contribution to the University of California, Merced. The family's presentation of a \$2 million gift to the campus will lead to the naming of the new recreation and wellness facility as the Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center.

UC Merced Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey announced the name of the facility in recognition of the endowment and Joseph Gallo's legacy of leadership. Planned as an innovative, state-of-the-art facility, the Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center will be a blending of wellness services and